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SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURES FOR CONTACTS BETWEEN U.S. AND SOVIET
ESKIMOS

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1. EMBASSY WELCOMES RYTKHEU INITIATIVE TO REINSTATE SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURES FOR SUMMER VISITS OF U.S. AND SOVIET ESKIMOS FROM ST. LAWRENCE AND LITTLE DIOMEDE ISLANDS TO THE CHUKOTSK PENINSULA FOR FAMILY REUNIONS AND TRADING (REF A). WE DOUBT WHETHER PERSONAL INITIATIVE BY INDIVIDUAL SOVIET WRITER WILL HAVE MUCH EFFECT IN CHANGING OFFICIAL SOVIET RELUCTANCE TO ALLOW EASIER CONTACTS. NEVERTHELESS, WE BELIEVE IT IS WORTH AN EFFORT TO FOLLOW UP, AT LEAST TO THE EXTENT OF ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE A MEETING WITH RYTKHEU IN A COUPLE OF MONTHS AS HE SUGGESTED, AFTER HE HAS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES WITH THE "RELEVANT MINISTRIES." IN THE EVENT THAT U.S. - SOVIET CONTACTS ON THIS ISSUE PROCEED TO THE SUBSTANTIVE STAGE, WE MIGHT ALSO CONSIDER USING THE OPPORTUNITY AGAIN TO SEEK SOVIET COOPERATION IN FACILITATING EMERGENCY MEDICAL
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